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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed April 6, 2005. The action required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species of claimed invention for prosecution among the fives species the Office believes exist in the claims as originally filed.

Applicants elect Species 1, consisting of claims 1-6, for prosecution but reserve the right to submit one or more claims that are generic to other claims presently in the application.

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